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Mr. Paul DeFalco, Jr.
Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
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100 California Street
San Francisco, California 94111

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Dear Mr. DeFalco:

On May 14, 1974, I wrote to you requesting delegation of authority to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) pursuant to Section 402(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, P.L. 92-500. Since that date, our initial submittal has been reviewed by your staff and revised by the staff of the Hawaii State Department of Health to meet your requirements.

I have been informed that the attached complete application is considered to be adequate in all major respects. I am also enclosing a supplementary Attorney General's opinion to clarify the provisions of Chapter 342, Section 7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the proposed amendments to Chapter 37.

The Legislative Auditorium in the State Capitol has been tentatively reserved for 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on October 10, 1974 for you to hold the public hearing on our request for delegation. If this date is inconvenient, please let my staff know as soon as possible.

Please be informed that the public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Chapter 37 of the State Public Health Regulations has been scheduled by the Department of Health for October 8, 1974.

Your assistance in our efforts to administer our own permit program for discharges in navigable waters is greatly appreciated. I am pleased that you will be able to provide us with staff assistance under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act program during this first year of transition.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

George R. Ariyoshi
GEORGE R. ARIYOSHI
Acting Governor of Hawaii

Enclosures
cc: OEQC
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